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William F. Caton Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission Mail Stop 1170 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222 Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

Re: CC Docket 96-98

Today the attached material was delivered to Larry Povich at his request, with copies of the cover letter and news release being delivered to Chairman Hundt, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Ness, Commissioner Quello, J. Nakahata, D. Gonzalez, J. Casserly, J. Coltharp, P. Belvin, R. Keeney, R. Metzger, Jr., and J. Schlichting Please include this material in the public file of the proceeding listed above.

We are submitting two copies of this notice in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules.

Please stamp and return the provided copy to confirm your receipt. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely.

Enclosure

CC:

Chairman Hundt, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Ness, Commissioner Quello, L. Povich, J. Nakahata, D. Gonzalez, J. Casserly, J. Coltharp, P. Belvin, R. Keeney, R. Metzger, Jr., and J. Schlichting

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Dear Mr. Povich:

Re: CC Docket No. 96-98

Per your request, attached is a copy of the interconnection agreement between Pacific Bell and Cox Communications, Inc. This agreement fulfills all requirements of the "Competitive Checklist" contained in Section 271(c)(2)(B) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. As described in the attached news release, this is the first "checklist" agreement between Pacific Bell and a competitive company that serves residential customers. The agreement is being submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission today.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Attachments

cc (with news release only): Chairman Hundt, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Ness, Commissioner Quello, J. Nakahata, D. Gonzalez, J. Casserly, J. Coltharp, P. Belvin, R. Keeney, R. Metzger, Jr., J. Schlichting



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## Pacific Bell/Cox Communications Sign Interconnect Agreement

SAN FRANCISCO/ATLANTA (July 25, 1996) -- Cox Communications, Inc. and Pacific Bell announced today that they have signed a comprehensive agreement to interconnect the two companies' networks in California.

Cox, the nation's fifth largest cable company, serving more than 3.2 million customers, intends to be a facilities-based provider of telephone services in residential and commercial markets. Today's agreement is the first reached with a Regional Bell Operating Company.

For Pacific Bell, it marks the first "14-point" pact made with a competitive company that serves residential customers. The Regional Bell Operating Companies are required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to meet a 14-point check list before being allowed to provide long-distance service in their own areas.

"Our agreement with Cox is the product of two dedicated teams that have negotiated terms that benefit both companies and the California consumer," said Lee Bauman, Pacific Bell vice president - Local Competition. "This is our first checklist agreement involving a competitive company serving residential customers, and the benefit to these customers in terms of increased choice is significant."

"This agreement marks another important step in our plans to offer a full array of communications services in California," said David M. Woodrow, Senior Vice President, Broadband Services. "The agreement gives us the terms and conditions that allow us to offer consumers a competitive choice in the rapidly changing telecommunications marketplace."

Both executives said a unique feature of the agreement was Cox's use of unbundled Pacific Bell ports. This allows Cox to connect its hybrid fiber coax network directly to the phone company's switches and out onto Pacific Bell's network. Cox currently serves 826,000 customers in California.

The flat rate for residential ports will be \$6.65 per month. Measured residential ports will cost \$4.15 per month, with a \$1.00 credit for the use of Cox's network by long-distance carriers, plus one cent per minute of use. Business measured ports will cost \$4.00 per month, with the same \$1.00 credit applied, plus one cent per minute of use.

The three-year agreement calls for termination of local calls on a "bill-and-keep" basis. Interim number portability will be provided through remote call forwarding at the rate of \$1.94 per month.

Cox customers will be listed in Pacific Bell's directories, and directory assistance will be provided at Cox's request.

The agreement must be approved by the California Public Utilities Commission. Woodrow and Bauman said they were hopeful approval would be granted within a few weeks.

Pacific Bell recently signed a comprehensive, 14-point check-list agreement with Teleport Communications Group and has signed interim agreements with seven other competitors.

Cox Communications, Inc. is a fully integrated, diversified, broadband communications company, with interests in U.S. and international cable distribution systems, programming networks and telecommunications technology. Cox has a comprehensive telephony strategy that includes investments in Sprint Spectrum, a partnership of three cable companies and the Sprint Corporation to develop wireless telephony services; and Teleport Communications Group, the largest alternative access provider in the United States. In Personal Communications Services, Cox is the holder of the pioneer's preference license for the Southern California Major Trading Area where the company will launch this new generation of wireless telephone services later this year.

Pacific Bell is a subsidiary of Pacific Telesis Group, a diversified telecommunications corporation based in San Francisco.

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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of	)	
Cox California Telcom, Inc. and Pacific Bell	)	
(U 1001 C) for Approval Of Their Local	)	
Interconnection Agreement Pursuant to	)	A
Section 252 of the Telecommunications	)	
Act of 1996	)	
	)	

# JOINT APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THEIR LOCAL INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

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Dated: July 26, 1996

Cox California Telcom, Inc. ("Cox") and Pacific Bell (U 1001 C) (collectively, the "Parties") hereby apply to the Commission for approval of their local Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement"). This Agreement was entered into between Pacific Bell and Cox on July 25, 1996.

Attached to this Application is a copy of the Agreement. The Agreement was entered into by the Parties in accordance with Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("TA 1996"). It is designed by the Parties to accomplish interconnection between their networks in a technically and economically efficient manner in accordance with the requirements of TA 1996, including the entire "Competitive Checklist" as set forth in TA 1996, Section 271(c)(2)(B).

The Parties now jointly submit the Agreement for approval in accordance with the terms of Section 252(e) of TA 1996 and Section 4 of ALJ Resolution 167, issued in interim form on July 17, 1996, which implements that federal law. The Parties request that the Commission approve the Agreement in accordance with the requirements of Section 252(e) of TA 1996, by determining that the grounds for rejection of such agreement, set forth in Section 252(e)(2)(A)(i) and Section 252(e)(2)(A)(ii), are not applicable to the Agreement.

With respect to Section 252(e)(2) of TA 1996, the Parties assert that the Agreement does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier not a party to the Agreement. The implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and it does not violate any requirement of the Commission, including, but not limited to, quality of service standards adopted by the Commission.

The Agreement is the second interconnection agreement reached in California between a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier ("CLC") and an incumbent local exchange carrier under the terms of TA 1996. The Parties entered into the Agreement in order to efficiently interconnect their networks and to allow them to advance the goal of this Commission and the United States Congress to open and expand telecommunications competition in California and around the

The Parties note that the Commission has allowed until today, July 26, 1996 for interested Parties to comment on the language of ALJ Resolution 167, which the Commission intends to issue in final form on August 2.

country. The terms of the Agreement address each of the "checklist" items identified in TA 1996 as essential aspects of the opening of the local exchange market to full competition.

The Commission's interim rules allow comments on this Joint Application by anyone, including the Parties to the Agreement. At this time, the Parties are not submitting a detailed written explanation of the terms of the Agreement, because a copy of the Agreement is attached to this Application. The Parties do, however, reserve the right to file comments on the Application within the Commission's guidelines.

In accordance with Rule 5(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Parties have served a Notice of Availability of this Application on all carriers that have received authority from this Commission to operate as CLCs, as well as the Commission's service list for the local exchange proceeding, R. 95-04-043/I. 95-04-044.

The Parties request that the Commission approve the Agreement, within 14 days, consistent with the Commission's approval of prior interconnection agreements.

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I, Bonnie Stenson, certify that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, State of California, am over eighteen years of age, and am not a party to the within cause.

My business address is 140 New Montgomery Street, Room 2501, San Francisco, CA 94105.

On July 26, 1996, I served the attached JOINT APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THEIR LOCAL INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996, and by placing true copies thereof in envelopes addressed to the parties in the attached list, which envelopes, with postage thereon fully prepaid, I then sealed and deposited in a mailbox regularly maintained by the United States Government in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

Executed this 26th day of July, 1996, at San Francisco, California.

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The Joint Application requests the California Public Utilities Commission

("Commission") approve the Interconnection Agreement entered into by Pacific Bell and Cox on

July 25, 1996 (the "Agreement").

#### The Agreement provides for:

- \* The exchange at local traffic between the Parties without explicit compensation;
- \* Access to network elements, including unbundled local loops and ports;
- \* Access to poles, conduit, and other rights-of-ways;
- \* Provision of emergency services, directory assistance and call completion services;
- \* Access to White Pages directory listings and customer guide pages;
- Access to number resources;
- \* Interim number portability until a permanent call forwarding solution is feasible;
- Dialing parity;
- Resale of Pacific Bell retail services.
- Physical, shared space, microwave and virtual collocation;
- Joint provision of wireless service provider access.

A copy of the Joint Application, including a copy of the Agreement, will be provided at the request of the Party receiving this Notice. Requests for copies of the Joint Application and the Agreement should be made to:

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